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We need more clean energy, and we need it from all sources

I'm not a CA resident, but we all share the same planet, atmosphere, environment.

We need to replace all of our CO₂-emitting energy sources with clean energy, and we must include nuclear energy as a significant technology to do that. Existing nuclear plants are safe, reliable and generate the vast majority of our clean energy today, and all of them should be maintained and operated for their entire lifetime. Shutting down the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant is a huge step in the wrong direction for clean energy in California. The plant is safely operated, provides a significant percentage of CA's clean energy and supports the community around it. It could be operated for at least another 20 years beyond the 2024 license it currently holds, and even expanded. It could be retrofitted to desalinate water that is much needed for drought-stricken areas that surround it. Until the last gas plant and the last coal plant is closed (in the country or even the world), we should not be shutting down this, or any nuclear plant, prematurely.

Thank you.